

Made for More Identity

In Christ, everything changes (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). In Him, who we are – our identity – is transformed. In Christ, we become new creations and are adopted into His family. In Him, we move from being spiritual orphans and slaves to being His sons and daughters, heirs to His inheritance. In Christ, we begin a journey into freedom and healing that impacts generations to come.

GET THINGS STARTED

- What did God show you – through the Holy Spirit - in the *Purify Workbook* this past week? What possible idols were highlighted for you that you are pulling down through confession and repentance? What does life without those idols look like, and what steps have you taken to displace those idols in your heart and life?
- How do you describe *who you are* when you meet someone new?

WATCH TESTIMONY VIDEO: WEEK 4

GO DEEPER

1. What stood out to from the testimony video? How can you relate?
2. From 2 Corinthians 5:17, what does it mean to be *a new creation* in Christ? What changes, and what stays the same? If we are made new in Jesus, why do we still struggle with the old self?
3. According to Galatians 4:4-7, *in Christ* we receive adoption to sonship; we become members of God's family. What does it look like to live as an orphan and slave, and then in Jesus to live as a son or daughter with an inheritance? What are (or should be) the key differences?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Can you say with confidence that you have surrendered your heart and life to Jesus and become a new creation in Him? If so, what was the most significant change that occurred? If not, what is holding you back?
2. In what ways have you settled for a *cake batter* identity when God is offering you the *delicious cake* life? How are you still operating in your old self when God has made you a new creation?
3. When it comes to being new creations in Christ, what steps do you need to take to *live up to what we have already attained* (Philippians 3:16)?

PRACTICE IT NOW

Take time as a group, in an attitude of prayer, to declare and thank God for who He says you are *in Christ*. The bookmark that came with your *Purify Workbook*, if you purchased a physical copy at one of our book tables, can be helpful with this. Declare the ways you are accepted, you are secure, and you are significant *in Christ*. Ephesians 1:3-14 is another resource to use in declaring who are in Jesus. Pray that you resist the temptation to settle for a *cake batter* identity and instead embrace the *delicious cake* life God offers to you. Ask Him to give you strength to embrace and walk fully in your new identity as a spiritual son or daughter.

PURIFY WORKBOOK – FOR THIS WEEK

Session 4: Heart Issues – Pride and Rebellion